

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Consolidated Matters of:

SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT ,

OAH Case No. 2015090977

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v.

SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015060556

ORDER GRANTING PEREMPTORY
CHALLENGE AND CONTINUING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On November 30, 2015, Student filed a peremptory challenge seeking to disqualify Administrative Law Judge Ted Mann from hearing this case. Student's peremptory challenge is made pursuant to Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), of the Administrative Procedures Act, and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034.

Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), establishes the criteria for disqualification of the presiding officer. A party is entitled to one peremptory challenge (disqualification without cause) to an ALJ assigned to an Office of Administrative Hearings hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subds. (a) & (b); Gov. Code, § 11425.40, subd. (d).) In no event will a peremptory challenge be allowed if it is made after the hearing has commenced. In addition, if at the time of a scheduled prehearing conference, an ALJ has been assigned to the Hearing, any challenge to the assigned ALJ shall be made no later than commencement of that prehearing conference. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (c).) A peremptory challenge is not allowed on reconsideration or remand, and cannot be made after a hearing has begun. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (a).)

Student's peremptory challenge is timely made and is granted pursuant to Government section 11425.40, subdivisions (a) and (d), and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034, subdivision (c).

ALJ Caroline Zuk is assigned to this matter. The prehearing conference currently scheduled for today, November 30, 2015, at 10:00 AM, is continued to later today, November 30, 2015, at 1:00 PM.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: November 30, 2015

/s/

JUNE R. LEHRMAN
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings